

WISHA ADVISORY COMMITTEEMeeting Summary – November 6, 2012

Topic	Discussion	Action Items
Welcome & Introductions	Members present: David Threedy, Mike Fallon, Tammie Hetrick, Pamela Tabert, Ed Wood, Jr., David Myers, Rebecca Johnson, & Claude Golden.	
	Members absent: Sharon Ness	
	L&I Staff present: Anne Soiza, David Puente, Maggie Leland, Sandy Mugartegui, Ron Langley, Elaine Fischer, Jenifer Jellison, Bruce Zeller, Lynda Stoneberg, Alan Lundeen, Tam Jones, David Bonauto, Nan Yragui, and Barbara Silverstein.	
	Members of the Public Present: Steve Cant, IBEW Local 77; Steve Harkin, Pacific Power; David B. Mendoza, House Democratic Caucus; Maria A. Justin, WA Retail Association; Mandi Kime, AGC of WA; Gregory Chryst, US Dept of Labor – OSHA; Scott Dilley, WA Farm Bureau; Rick Gastelum, Farm Bureau; John Shervey, John W. Shervey & Associates; Viona Latschaw, WSLC Project Help; Kris Tefft, AWB; and Janice Camp, University of Washington; Joan Elgee, House Labor & Workforce Development Committee.	
Opening Remarks	Anne Soiza welcomed David Myers, Executive Secretary of the WA State Building and Construction Trade Council, as a new member of the WISHA Advisory Committee (WAC), filling the position previous held by Randy Loomans. Claude Golden, Mike Fallon, and Sharon Ness were all reappointed to a 3 year term on the committee.	
	Anne showed the group a recognition award that will be presented to Randy Loomans in appreciation of her service on the WAC Committee.	
DOSH Rules Update	Alan Lundeen provided a brief overview of DOSH Rules in progress, including Fall Protection for Construction Activities; Cranes, Rigging and Personnel Lifting; Tunneling and Hyberbaric Safety; and Hazard Communication - Global Harmonization System.	
	For additional information on the status of DOSH Rules, please check the link below: http://www.lni.wa.gov/Safety/Rules/WhatsNew/Proposed/default.htm	
DOSH	Ron Langley presented the results of the DOSH: 2012	ACTION: DOSH will send current
Customer	Voice of the Customer Survey, as researched and compiled	inspection duration data to the WAC



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Service Survey Results	Industries, including agriculture, forestry, fishing, construction, manufacturing, wholesale trade, retail, transportation and warehousing, and health care were polled by Ipsos Reid in March/April 2012, asked about their inspection experience with DOSH inspectors. Survey results were very good, with the primary take-away from poll results indicating that employers and workers believe that DOSH inspectors are doing a good job. DOSH Inspectors were credited with presenting a professional demeanor, respectful communication, a good knowledge base, and were reasonable and fair in the inspection process.	committee, as well as proposed new duration goals, which are a part of a LEAN project to streamline the inspection process. ACTION: Another DOSH Ipsos Reid Customer Survey will be conducted in November 2012. Information concerning Ipsos Reid will be sent to WAC committee members for distribution to their constituency.
	Survey results also noted that the impact of inspections typically leads to safer workplaces.	
SHARP Updates	Barbara Silverstein provided the Final Report on the Implementation of Safe Patient Handling (SPH) Legislation in Washington Acute Care Hospitals. For more information on SPH, please visit the web: http://www.lni.wa.gov/Safety/Research/SafePatient/Default.asp	
	Nan Yragui presented information on the Library Bullying study, which can be found on the web: http://www.lni.wa.gov/Safety/Research/OccHealth/WorkVio/WaWorkplaces/BullyingWaLibraryStaff.asp	
	Dr. David Bonauto presented SHARP research findings on Washington's BLS Survey of Occupational Injury and Illness (SOII). SHARP determined that BLS data is slightly under estimated. BLS captures approximately 70% of eligible claims due to under-reporting.	
	The BLS process is standardized in every state. Variation can occur at the employer level, when the employer may determine it is not necessary to report all injuries or illnesses.	
	For more information, please see the SHARP handout on BLS I& SOII.	



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SHIP Program Updates	Jenifer Jellison provided information on grant opportunities within the SHIP program, including Returnto-work grants that are currently available. For more information on the SHIP programs, and grant availability, please visit the web: http://www.lni.wa.gov/Safety/Topics/AtoZ/Grants/default.asp	
L&I DOSH Internet Updates	The department has worked over the last year to re-do the safety area of the L&I Internet. Bruce Zeller shared highlights of the new web site, still under construction, with WAC committee members. Usability studies were used to make the following changes:	
	 A friendlier site, using more graphics and pictures, reducing text More drop down menus Updated industry pages Use of a tab format for navigation Using industry-specific language Providing Smart Phone compatibility Adding future web applications to the site 	
DOSH Penalties	Maggie Leland presented extensive comparative information on DOSH penalties, including an overview of how penalties are calculated according to DOSH's penalty rule and a comparison with OSHA's penalty policy and Oregon OSHA's recently updated penalty rule. DOSH's average serious violation penalty, at \$737.00, currently ranks at 44, out of 50 states. Also discussed were new OSHA State Plan mandatory measures relating to penalties.	ACTION: WAC committee members will determine how DOSH should use their existing statutory authority to enact or change penalty levels and structure. Members will consider recommendations to adopt OSHA's penalty structure, but will first obtain feedback from their constituency and report back at the 1/04/2013 WAC meeting, where a recommendation will be made by the committee.
Next WAC Meetings	2013 WAC Meeting Schedule: Friday, January 4th, 2013, 9:00-Noon, L&I S117 Thursday, May 9th, 2013, 9:00-Noon, L&I S117 Thursday, September 12th, 2013, 9:00-Noon, L&I S117 Thursday, December 5th, 2013, 9:00-Noon, L&I S117	